



*Learn with* **Forest in School**  
**Skogen i Skolan**  
INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



# Experience and learn with Skogen i Skolan/Forest in School

Skogen i Skolan aim to increase the pedagogical method of outdoor education in Swedish schools utilizing the forest, in coherence with the Swedish national curriculum. We offer the schools extended opportunities to receive real life studies of the forest as well as a good co-operation with the forest industry. As a result we hope Swedish children and students develop both an interest and knowledge in forests and the forest industry.

Skogen i Skolan is a national program between schools and the forest industry in Sweden. The organisation was founded in 1973 and has the school's interests in mind in all aspects of the organisation's activities.



**The pedagogical idea of Skogen i Skolan** is to combine theory and practice in all aspects to increase the students' and teachers' interest in forests.

**Our main task** is to educate in order to make students understand the industry of forests which is one of Sweden's most important industries and source of export.

**Skogen i Skolan will** help schools create contact with the industry of forest.

**We will help the school set up a Skolskog/School forest.**

The School forest encourages outdoor learning and is the perfect alternative to the classroom. Many recent studies show that children benefit from combining outdoor education with indoor education. In addition to genuine learning situations the school forest stimulates movement, a healthy way of living and social skills. It also helps the students acquire knowledge about the forest and experience its social values.



**You can order study material at:** [www.skogeniskolan.se/laromedel](http://www.skogeniskolan.se/laromedel)  
Most material cost 30 SEK/pc and less with larger orders.



## [www.skogeniskolan.se](http://www.skogeniskolan.se)

**The website for Skogen i Skolan** is the place to start when you want to know more about the different values of the forest. Here is where you order books, find studying tasks and facts, and your students may ask questions which in turn will be answered by a professional team of experts in the field of forest.

**Your school could have your own school forest!** You will find more information at our website where you also can find the name of the local Skogen i Skolan contact. You will also find an agreement to be signed by the landowner as well as by your school.

More than 1000 school forests have been registered and you can easily get in touch with other schools to exchange ideas.

When having signed an agreement for a school forest, and have it registered, you can easily log in to the website to share information about your school, publish photographs or documents. It is easy to register a school forest at our website.

**Do not forget to sign up** for our newsletter in order to keep yourselves updated with what is happening at Skogen i Skolan. You are always welcome to join us at seminars, conferences and courses, and of course, be inspired in your teaching with new ideas from Skogen i Skolan!

# An national organisation

## **Skogen i Skolan / Forest in school**

covers the whole of Sweden, where we are divided into 10 regions. Each region has their own steering committee made up of different companies and organisations active in the region. The steering committee appoints one to two coordinators who will help schools in their understanding of a pedagogical beliefs as well as setting up a school forest and setting up visits to industries dealing with wood and paper and also private forest owners. Many regional coordinators also have good cooperation with the region's municipal officials.

At our website you can find coordinators in your region and also teachers working with the concept of Skogen i Skolan.

**All throughout Sweden** the coordinators arrange courses for teachers, principals, and other members of the school's staff interested in Skogen i Skolan. This aims to show how to let the forest be a part of their teaching and the greatest of classrooms.

## **You'll find your coordinator**

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